

REMARKS

Claims 14, 15 and 17 through 26 remain in the application. In the outstanding Office Action objections were raised to the drawings, the specification and the claims. Two replacement sheets of drawings are transmitted herewith to overcome the objection to the figures 1, 2 and 4. Also, in response to paragraph 7 at page 5 of the office action, claim 16 is canceled. Amendments made in this paper fully address the objections made to the specification and claims as well as other errors or informalities of an apparent nature. Removal of all objections is therefore requested.

Claims 14 and 15 were rejected under Section 102 as anticipated by Ehara (U.S. 4,770,027). Claims 16-26 were found to contain allowable subject matter and were objected to as depending from rejected claims.

Applicants urge reconsideration of claim 14 (as amended) in view of the following remarks. It is respectfully submitted that the art rejection is overcome and claim 14 is now patentably distinguished over the prior art because it requires that

"movement between the forward and withdrawn positions [produces] a pumping effect which draws the airborne substance through the filter element and into the cell for detection ... [Emphasis Added]"

The Ehara reference is inconsistent with this claimed feature. The Ehara reference does not at all relate to detecting a substance present in an air flow into the detecting device. Because there is no combination of the prior art which would result in the subject matter of claim 14, this claim, and claim 15 which depends therefrom, should also be allowed.

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In view of the above amendment and the prior finding of allowable subject matter, it is urged that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance. Further, it is urged that with all objections having been addressed, the application can now be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Two sheets of Replacement Drawings